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1. The Putlitz Kaserne on Memeler Strasse, Rostock (M 55/O 81), was occupied to capacity by VP units between 12 and 29 June 1950. * The units there were trained at Barnstorfer Feld. The Barnstorf Forest was cut down to provide additional training space for the police.
2. Twenty VP men with shovels marched from the Putlitz Kaserne to Barnstorfer Feld on 12 June 1950. A group of 80 VP men carrying rifles returned to the Putlitz Kaserne from Barnstorfer Feld on the same day.
3. About 120 police were seen at Barnstorfer Feld on 23 June 1950, training with rifles, mortars, and small caliber guns.
4. From 26 June to 29 June 1950 about five groups of Volkspolizei, each of 50 to 60 men, equipped with rifles, machine guns and mortars, were observed each afternoon returning to the Putlitz Kaserne from Barnstorfer Feld. *

25X1A * [REDACTED] Comment. A VP school and the 2d VP Bereitschaft (Inf) are carried in adjoining barracks on Memeler Strasse and Kopernikus Strasse, Rostock. The police in the two installations are estimated at 2,000 to 2,500 men.

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